

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, all children need the care, love, security, and stability of family unity, including parents, siblings, grandparents, and other extended family members to provide a solid foundation for personal growth, development, and maturity; and

**WHEREAS**, reunification with family is the preferred outcome for children removed from their homes and placed in foster care; and

**WHEREAS**, for most children in foster care reunification with their family is the best option for a permanent and loving home, and each year, hundreds of thousands of children are successfully reunified with their families; and

**WHEREAS**, more than 8,800 Washington state children are in foster care in 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, safe reunification takes hard work, solid commitment, and the investment of time and resources by parents, family members, social workers, foster parents, service providers, courts, and the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby proclaim June 2021 as

### *Reunification Month*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2021

Governor Jay Inslee

